

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1093

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Coach J. Anthony
"Woosie" Eckel for his meritorious contributions
in the field of education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those teachers and coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their insistence upon excellence, have inspired their students and colleagues to realize their own potential; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator and coach is J. Anthony "Woosie" Eckel, a pillar of strength for young people in the Morristown and Kingsport, Tennessee, areas for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, while teaching at West High School in Morristown, J. Anthony Eckel coached boys' basketball, football and baseball, as well as girls' basketball; he was also instrumental in teaching math, health and physical education courses; and

WHEREAS, Coach Eckel also served with acumen and alacrity as the Chairman of the Physical Education department and Assistant Principal at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, earning the respect and admiration of all those who were privileged to know him; and

WHEREAS, Coach Eckel directed and inspired his students to succeed beyond their own expectations, and he was dedicated to helping students realize their full potential, both academically and socially; he was a tremendous positive influence on his many great players, not only as an exemplary coach, but also as an extraordinary mentor and friend to his players; and

WHEREAS, in order to express their heartfelt gratitude to him, a group of Coach Eckel's former students have organized a surprise gala banquet in his honor, to be held at the The Country Club in Morristown on May 27, 2006; his former students, colleagues, and friends have

been invited to attend so that Coach Eckel may witness their appreciation, love, and gratitude for his thirty years of extraordinary commitment and meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Coach Eckel is committed to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community values and is most grateful for the support and love he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career, Coach Eckel has exemplified the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Coach J. Anthony "Woosie" Eckel upon his many years of estimable leadership of Tennessee's youth, applaud his dedication to Tennessee athletics, and wish him success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.